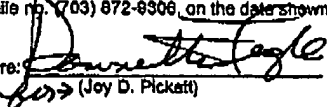


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AMINE****AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION****Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Dear Sir:****INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2003 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.